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Local Boards

Proposed construction of the new Salem College.

*358 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state when the work for the proposed construction of the new Salem College will commence?

A.—Government have no information.

Introduction of Bills to amend the Local Boards Act, the District Municipalities Act, etc.

*359 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when he proposes to introduce the Bills to amend the Local Boards Act, the District Municipalities Act, the Madras City Municipal Act, the Hindu Religious Endowments Act and the Elementary Education Act; and

(b) the reasons for the delay?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is drawn to my answer to question No. 65 in regard to the Bills other than the Madras City Municipal Act Amendment Bill. The latter is now under correspondence with the Corporation of Madras.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire whether, since the reply was given the other day, the Government have submitted the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act to the Government of India?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Taking charge of the office of the elected President of the Taluk Board before publication in the Gazette.

*360 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the President, District Board, East Godavari, asked the Government if a president of a taluk board elected but whose name is not published in the Gazette could take over charge of office and also if he could act as an ex-officio member of the district board; and

(b) if so, what was the reply given?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The reply was in the affirmative in both the cases.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I enquire why there is such an enormous delay in the matter of the issue of notifications to the Gazette of the names of members elected to the local boards?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the Advocate-General was consulted in this matter, and if so, what his reply was?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The whole matter was considered by the Government."